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TAGS:PFOR, UNSC, UNGA, KS

SUBJECT:KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

KUWAIT ALSO POUCH MUSCAT AND DOHA, NEW DELHI ALSO FOR
BHUTAN, DAKAR POUCH BANJUL, SUVA BY POUCH

REF: A) STATE 131759; B) USUN 3190 (NOTAL);
C) USUN 3201 (NOTAL)D) USUN 3229 (NOTAL)

1. ON JUNE 26, PURSUANT TO THE STRATEGY OUTLINED IN REF A
REGARDING KOREA AT THE 30TH UNGA, WE DISCUSSED WITH AND
RECEIVED THE APPROVAL OF A CORE GROUP OF SPONSORS (UK,
JAPAN, COSTA RICA, NEW ZEALAND, CANADA, AND THE NETHER-
LANDS) TO SUBMIT A BILATERAL LETTER TO THE UNSC PRESIDENT
AND A SIMILAR DRAFT RESOLUTION WITH SIX COSPONSORS TO THE
UN SYG. BOTH DOCUMENTS WERE SUBMITTED ON JUNE 27. THE
TEXTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE REFERENCED USUN CABLES.
URUGUAY SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO COSPONSOR THE RESOLUTION.

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2. A SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WAS HELD WITH 37 DELEGATIONS ON JUNE 27 INVITING THEIR COSPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN. THEIR INITIAL REACTIONS WERE FAVORABLE. AMBS. BENNETT, PARK (KOREA) AND SAITO (JAPAN) STRESSED THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS TABLED WITH THE GOAL OF

ENCOURAGING AGREEMENT RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION AND WAS AIMED TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE AND AGREEMENT WITHIN THE UN COMMUNITY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED, IT WAS STRESSED THAT THE LANGUAGE OF BOTH THE LETTER AND RESOLUTION WAS DESIGNED TO LEAVE ALL AVENUES OPEN TO DISCUSSION, INCLUDING A ROLE FOR UNSC MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS. AMB. BENNETT SAID WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS KOREA IN THE UNSC, BUT THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE OTHER SIDE IS READY TO DO SO. THOSE AT THE MEETING INCLUDED BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION:

EUROPE: THE NETHERLANDS, UK, FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, ITALY, DENMARK, NORWAY, ICELAND, IRELAND, FRG;

ASIA: ROK, THAILAND, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA;

AFRICA: GABON, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, CAR, IVORY COAST;

NEAR EAST: OMAN

WESTERN HEMISPHERE: CANADA, NICARAGUA, BARBADOS, GRENADA, PANAMA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAITI.

3. THOSE INVITED INCLUDE COSPONSORS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA IN 1974 AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHERS. PARAGUAY, URUGUAY AND BOLIVIA COULD NOT BE REACHED, ALTHOUGH URUGUAY LATER AGREED TO COSPONSOR AS NOTED. THE GAMBIA HAS NO RESIDENT REPRESENTATION. EL SALVADOR REGRETTED. INDONESIA AND ARGENTINA WERE INVITED BUT DID NOT ATTEND.

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4. POSTS IN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NAMED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE BUT WHICH ARE NOT ALREADY COSPONSORS SHOULD CONSULT WITH AMBASSADORS OF THE OTHER SEVEN CO-SPONSORING STATES LISTED IN PARA 1 TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT BEST MEANS OF SUPPORTING USUN'S INITIATIVE IN SEEKING CO-SPONSORS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS. ARGUMENTATION IN REFTELS AND IN PARAGRAPH 5 BELOW SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN APPROACHING HOST GOVERNMENT. AN ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT ARGUMENT TO USE WITH

HOST GOVERNMENTS WHICH DEMUR AT CO-SPONSORING AND INDICATE DESIRE TO SEE COMPROMISE TEXT EREGE AT UNGA IS TO STATE THAT BEST MEANS OF INDUCING OTHER SIDE TO ADOPT A REASONABLE STANCE IS TO SHOW THAT OUR POSITION HAS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT. POSTS REQUESTED TO REPORT RESULTS TO DEPT PRIOR TO JULY 15 INFO USUN.

5. POSTS IN REMAINING COUNTRIES AS APPROPRIATE MAY DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS:

A. LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THE DESIRE OF MANY UN MEMBERS TO TERMINATE UN ROLE IN KOREA, WHILE PRESERVING THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH HAS MAINTAINED PEACE IN THE PENINSULA FOR 25 YEARS. US AND ROK HAVE PROPOSED TERMINATION OF THE UN COMMAND SUBJECT ONLY TO AGREEMENT OF THE OTHER SIDE FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. USG, AS A TOKEN OF SINCERITY, IS TAKING STEPS TO REDUCE MANIFESTATION OF UN COMMAND.

B. IN FURTHER EFFORT TO BE FORTHCOMING US AND ROK ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER SIDE AT ANY MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TIME AND PLACE.

C. IF QUESTION OF REACHING COMPROMISE OR CONSENSUS RESOLUTION AT UNGA WITH OTHER SIDE IS RAISED, POST SHOULD STATE THAT ALL EVIDENCE INDICATES OTHER SIDE DESIRES CONFRONTATION. WE HAVE INDICATED IN OUR LETTER A WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH OTHER SIDE AT ANY TIME OR PLACE. WE BELIEVE US POSITION IS FORTHCOMING AND THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE NOW RESTS WITH OTHER SIDE. FYI: WE DO NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN SPECULATION WITH STATES WHOSE SUPPORT WE SEEK, ON POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER COMPROMISE OR "CONSENSUS" EFFORTS. WE BELIEVE THAT POSSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BILITY FOR SUCH AN OUTCOME WILL ONLY DEVELOP WHEN OTHER SIDE IS CONVINCED THAT IT FACES DEFEAT FOR ITS RESOLUTION. WE THEREFORE WANT TO ENCOURAGE AS MUCH SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE FROM FRIENDLY STATES. END FYI.

D. POST SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO EMPHASIZE DISTINCTION BETWEEN UN COMMAND, WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE, AND PRESENCE OF US TROOPS PURSUANT TO BILATERAL MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF 1954. TERMINATION OF UN COMMAND WOULD NOT ALTER US TROOP PRESENCE WHICH IS BILATERAL US-ROK MATTER UNDER MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY.

6. REQUEST POSTS REPORT ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT INFO USUN. SISCO

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